

trodden first by our forefathers in the Faith, said he, and over 50 millions of Catholics in the three Americas rise up to-day and bless the name of Columbus, the Christ-bearer.

In the afternoon the children of the schools gave appropriate entertainments, and a solemn benediction closed the day. M. M. FURSTENBERG, A. O. S. B.

COLUMBUS DAY PROGRAM.

Music—Clayton's Grand March.

Raising and saluting the Flag... By all the pupils.

Song—"Speed our Republic."... By all the pupils.

Recitation—"What Columbus did not have to learn when he was a boy."... By one of the pupils.

Columbus Song... By all the pupils.

Address... By one of the pupils.

Music—"God bless our Home."

Recitation—"The Ode"... By one of the pupils.

Music—"The Angel's Harp."

Drama—"America, Spain, and Italy"...

... By three young girls.

Song—"My Country 'tis of thee".... By all the pupils.

SONG OF COLUMBUS DAY.—OCTOBER 21, 1892.

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AIR: "LYONS."

Columbia, my land! all hail the glad day
When first to thy strand Hope pointed the way;
Hail him who thro' darkness first followed the flame
That led where the Mayflower of Liberty came.

Dear Country, the star of the valiant and free!
Thy exiles afar are dreaming of thee.
No fields of the Earth so enchantingly shine,
No air breathes such incense, such music as thine.

Humanity's home! thy sheltering breast
Gives welcome and room to stranger's oppress'd,
Pale children of Hunger, and Hatred, and Wrong,
Find life in thy freedom and joy in thy song.

Thy fairest estate the lowly may hold,
Thy poor may grow great, thy feeble grow bold
For worth is the watchword to noble degree,
And manhood is mighty where manhood is free.

O, Union of States, and union of souls!
Thy promise awaits, thy future unfolds,
And earth from her twilight is hailing the sun,
That rises where people and rulers are one.

THELON BROWN.

Visit of the "Pilgrim Fathers" to Sacred Heart Mission.

DEAR EDITOR "INDIAN ADVOCATE:"

Your readers, no doubt, will wonder at this pompous title of the above heading; nevertheless the personages I am going to speak about, are in every sense of the word, "Pilgrim Fathers."

Not to say that the majority of them helped years ago to plant the cross in this then wild country, (the Celtic Cross and the Shamrock are emblems of Faith and nationality, and will continue to be through every age.) I will mention but two occasions, in which these sturdy sons of Erin were the chief instruments employed by Almighty God to establish two flourishing congregations, and endow them with churches and schools.

I speak of Lehigh and Coalgate, two mining camps in the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory.

God wilt that on the 14th of October, 1888, the newly erected church at Lehigh should be swept away by the mighty whirlwind! But nothing daunted, they went to work, and paid the outstanding debts, and built another house of worship. Coalgate sprang up, mushroom-like, — and lo! the same Pilgrim Fathers were there again, ready to work, and pay for the erection of a House of God! It was dedicated in June 1891, by Rev. Fr. Thomas.

But what renders these very men still more conspicuous, and gives them more right to be styled "Pilgrim Fathers" of the Indian Territory, is the fact, I am presently going to relate:

"Invited by the Benedictine Fathers to assist at the dedication of Sacred Heart church, Sacred Heart Mission, Oklahoma Territory, they started in time to be present on this solemn occasion. But, alas! they little thought of the trials they had to undergo.

"Satan, no doubt, was jealous, and so he put every obstacle in their way to